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***"AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND THE
REPAIR OF VOTING MACHINES ON ELECTION DAY."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-158c of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2004*):

6 (a) Not earlier than forty-five days before the election and not later
7 than the close of the polls on election day, each [resident, or] former
8 resident, and not earlier than forty-five days before the election and
9 not later than the seventh day before election day, each resident, who
10 desires to vote in a presidential election under sections 9-158a to 9-
11 158m, inclusive, may apply for a "presidential ballot" to the municipal
12 clerk of the town in which [he] such former resident or resident is
13 qualified to vote on the form prescribed in section 9-158d. Application
14 for a "presidential ballot" may be made in person or absentee, in the
15 manner provided for applying for an absentee ballot under section 9-

16 140, except as provided in said sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (y) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed
18 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

19 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
20 means the day which is the [fourteenth] seventh day prior to an
21 election.

22 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes is
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
24 *1, 2004*):

25 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day
26 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
27 accordance with section 9-423, as amended, and "election day" means
28 the day of each regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each
29 town shall hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and
30 admit those found qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in
31 this section. Such sessions shall be held on the following days during
32 the hours indicated, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
33 subsection:

T1	Day	Hours
T2	Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
T5	Saturday of third week	
T6	before election day	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
T7	[Fourteenth] <u>Seventh</u> day	
T8	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

34 The session of the registrars of voters on the [fourteenth] seventh
35 day before election day shall be the last regular session for the

36 admission of electors prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y)
37 of section 9-1, as amended by this act. (2) No town having a population
38 of less than twenty-five thousand persons shall be required to hold
39 sessions for admission of electors on the fourteenth day before primary
40 day.

41 Sec. 4. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
42 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
43 *July 1, 2004*):

44 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office
45 of the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the
46 application and review the application to determine whether the
47 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
48 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate
49 on the application whether the application has been accepted or
50 rejected, (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the
51 application the date on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a
52 copy of such notice to the other registrar. If the registrar determines
53 that the applicant has not properly completed the application or is not
54 legally qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the
55 application has been rejected and shall state the reason for rejection. If
56 the registrar determines that the applicant has properly completed the
57 application and is legally qualified to register, the notice shall indicate
58 that the application has been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a
59 notice of rejection shall be sent (A) within four days of receipt of an
60 application during the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before
61 an election and ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B)
62 on the day of receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the
63 period beginning on the twentieth day before such election and ending
64 on the [fourteenth] seventh day before such election, (ii) during the
65 period beginning on the [thirteenth] sixth day before an election and
66 ending on election day if the application has been received by the
67 [fourteenth] seventh day before an election by the Commissioner of
68 Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, (iii) during the period
69 beginning on the twenty-first day before a primary and ending on the

70 fifth day before a primary, or (iv) during the period beginning on the
71 fourth day before a primary and ending at twelve o'clock noon on the
72 last weekday before a primary, if the application has been postmarked
73 by the fifth day before the primary and is received in the office of the
74 registrars of voters during such period or if the application is received
75 by the fifth day before a primary by the Commissioner of Motor
76 Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, and (C) within ten days of
77 receipt of an application at any other time. A notice of acceptance shall
78 be sent by first-class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be
79 returned if not deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. A
80 notice of acceptance shall indicate the effective date of the applicant's
81 registration and enrollment, the date of the next regularly scheduled
82 election or primary in which the applicant shall be eligible to vote and
83 the applicant's precinct and polling place. If a notice of acceptance of
84 an application is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith
85 take the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35, as amended,
86 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35, as
87 amended. An applicant for admission as an elector pursuant to this
88 section and section 9-23h, as amended, may only be admitted as an
89 elector by a registrar of voters of the town of his residence. Not later
90 than December thirty-first, annually, the Secretary of the State shall
91 establish an official calendar of all deadlines set forth in this subsection
92 for regularly scheduled elections and primaries to be held in the
93 following calendar year.

94 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
95 privileges of an elector for any applicant for admission under this
96 section and section 9-23h, as amended, shall attach immediately upon
97 approval by the registrar, and the registrars shall enter the name of the
98 elector on the registry list.

99 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a
100 mailed application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is
101 received in the office of the registrars of voters, after the [fourteenth]
102 seventh day before an election or after the fifth day before a primary,
103 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after such

104 election or primary, as the case may be.

105 (3) If an application is received after the [fourteenth] seventh day
106 before an election or after the fifth day before a primary by the
107 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, the
108 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election
109 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,
110 whichever is later.

111 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
112 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present
113 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received
114 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously
115 provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of
116 section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an
117 applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of
118 voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new
119 application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice
120 to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and
121 address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be
122 allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to
123 the checkers at the polling place a preprinted form of identification
124 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
125 section 9-261, as amended."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2004</i>